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THE PANTHER

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Fall 1998 Neophytes stepping out



photo by Glenn Russell

As the sun set on Nov. 18, the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. prepare to awe the world with their 84 Legends of Mystique, Sophomore Robin Franklin leads her line sisters in their probate performance.

Hines, administrators lose civil suit, owe \$250,000

Austin, TX

Dr. Charles Hines, President of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), and three other top administrators have been found guilty by a federal jury of maliciously violating the civil rights of William A. Foster III, mathematics professor. The jury awarded Foster, a former faculty member of the university approximately \$250,000 for lost wages, mental anguish and punitive damages.

Foster began his employment at the university in 1990 as a nontenure track instructor of mathematics, working on one year contracts. In 1994, he emerged as the leader of a movement to found a chapter of the Texas Faculty Association (TFA) on the campus.

According to a TFA bulletin, he organized TFA meetings, disseminated information on the organization, and spoke out on issues of importance to the faculty. When a TFA chapter was founded at PVAMU in the fall of 1995, Foster became the president.

In particular, Foster advocated for a salary increase for the underpaid PVAMU faculty.

In October 1995, Foster questioned President Hines at a public meet-

ing attended by the College of Arts and Sciences faculty about how the president intended to use funds generated by an anticipated large increase in general student fees.

Foster was concerned that Hines did not intend to use the funds for faculty and staff salary increases.

In early January 1996, Foster received a notice of termination from Hines. Foster's termination was approved by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. E.J. Thomas-Smith, Dean Dr. Edward Martin, and Department Head Dr. Evelyn Thornton. The three were also named as defendants in the lawsuit and were found guilty (along with Hines) of violating Foster's constitutional rights.

When asked about the present standing of the situation, Dean Martin said, "The decision may possibly be appealed, so we are not free to talk about it (the case)."

Foster said, "The jury sent a powerful message to the administration of Prairie View A&M University: don't mess with the civil rights of your employees. Now faculty and staff at Prairie View will feel free to ... speak out on issues of public concern without fear of

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Beckwith honored as first Ms. Krimson and Kream

By Jo-Carolyn Goode
Panther Staff

Beauty, elegance, grace, and style was in the presence of those in attendance on Nov. 18, 1998 at the history making debut of the first Miss Krimson and Kream Pageant hosted by the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

The master and mistress of ceremonies were Alzo Slade and Trina Stanberry.

The two took the audience on the wave to the "The Next Millennium," the pageant's theme. After hours upon hours of practice five young ladies vied for the glorious title, competing in the areas of swimwear, talent, evening gown, and on-stage interview.

Sophomore Ashley L. Thompson, junior Elaina D. Edmonson, junior Cicely M. Beckwith, junior Lakisha E. Patterson, and junior Kendria

L. Moore were all lovely and very talented, but one was extraordinary. Beckwith was that one and she walked away with the crown.

Beckwith captured the hearts of judges William Young, Vernon J. Rush, Willie High Coleman, Jr., Denise Simmons, and Tanya E. M. Williams with her enchanting vocals of "Eye On the Sparrow".

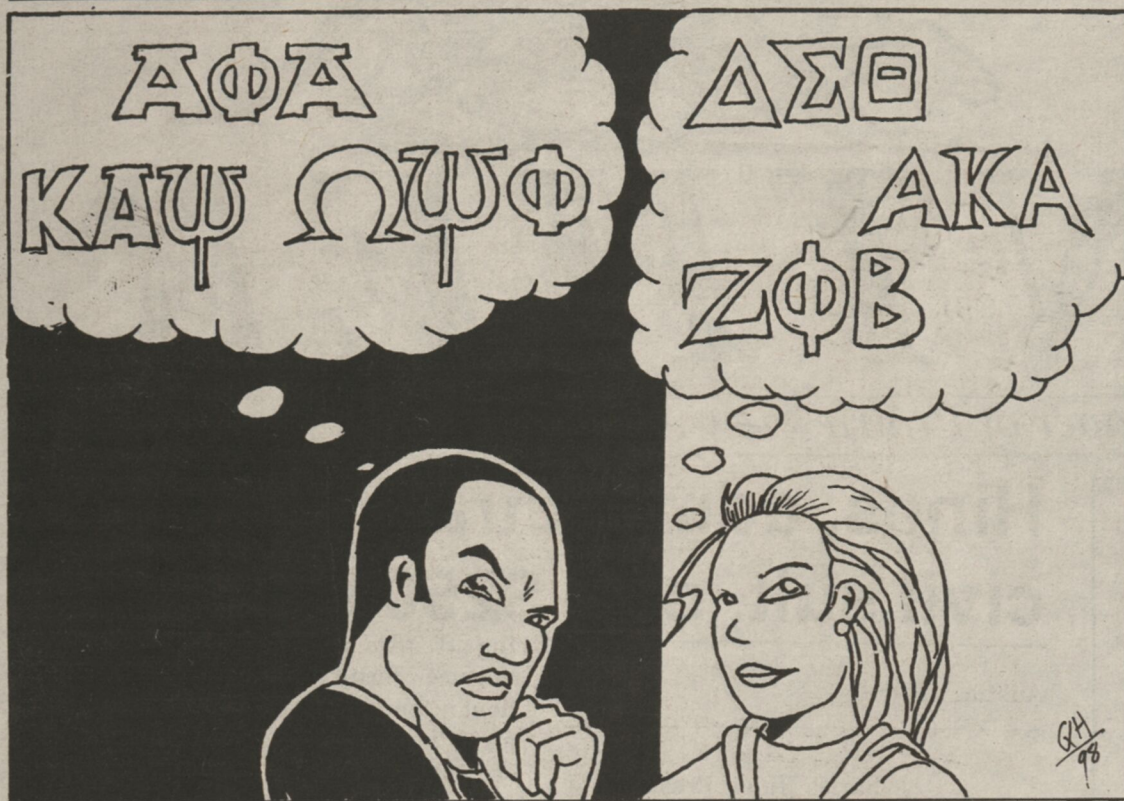
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Photo by Gitonga M'Mbijewe

**Junior Cicely Beckwith
Ms. Krimson and Kream**

VIEWPOINTS



Organizations include commitment going beyond this campus

By Tiara M. Ellis
Editor-in-Chief

Once upon a time belonging to a group was as simple as being an athlete or a socialite. Then college brought a whole new aspect to belonging with sororities and fraternities. All of a sudden it became that much more selective. Or is it?

Note the use of the term selective, not exclusive. Exclusivity denotes excluding or leaving certain persons out. The power to exclude is left to a body of government. But selective has an inclusive tone. It refers to being chosen for certain characteristics or specific excellence. Organizations should not exclude, but be selective in their choices of potential members.

And people looking to join organizations should be particular when making that decision. The best way to do so is to attend interest meetings, seminars, and community See Commitment on page 3



Cheap thrills give college students break from stress

By Stephen C. Price
Staff Writer

As a college student, I am constantly trying to find ways to amuse myself to prevent one of those school induced or related nervous breakdowns.

You know which ones I am talking about. Let me know if I hit a nerve. You have not been home since school started, or you have too many projects due at one time, you have too many jobs trying to pay for school, boyfriend or girlfriend problems, or failing by midterm.

It seems as if the list goes on and on.

However, if you are like me then you do not have much time to relax or rest, or alot of money to go out when you have that rare, seemingly unbelievable free time.

We all know that whenever we get any source of funds we try to stretch that dollar as long as humanly possible. All of our other money sources, like our parents, are tired of sending us money. So what do you do?

Networking is the key. If you have any friends or a car, or friends with cars, then you at least have a chance to escape from the boredom you suffer during the school year.

Here is a lists of some cheap thrills you can do to keep from going completely insane, because we all know that you can not study forever:

1. Whenever you have at least an hour of free time, take a nap. Sleep will give you that extra energy that you need to get through those two and three hour classes.
2. Work out. Exercising gives you endurance, strength, and self esteem. Also, getting in shape as well helps relieve any stress that might be building up.
3. Rent movies or go to movie night on the yard. It is free and sometimes they even give out free stuff.
4. Go to the game rooms. They have pool tables, air hockey, arcade games, board games; dominoes, and card games.
5. Hit up the clubs like Oasis, ChocolateTown, Roxy, Jamaica-Jamaica, and Jus' Jokin Comedy on college night where you can get in free or at discounted rates with ID.
6. Go Bowling.
7. Go to Fraternity or Sorortiy party.
8. Go to Putt-Putt Golf.

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VIEWPOINTS

Letters to the Editor

This letter was submitted by the theatre students and the Charles Gilpin Players who were visited by the Dean and Director of a Prestigious Conservatory

Dear Editor-in-Chief of *The Panther*,

On Nov. 18, 1998, the students of the Theatre Arts program were visited by two prestigious members of the faculty of the California Institute of the Arts (CalArts), Professors Susan Solt and Fran Bennett. Professors Solt is the Dean for CalArts and Fran Bennett is the Director of Acting.

This was a very special day for the students because they had the opportunity to speak with Solt and Bennett about information on how to get into the graduate school and also ask questions about the special training the school offers.

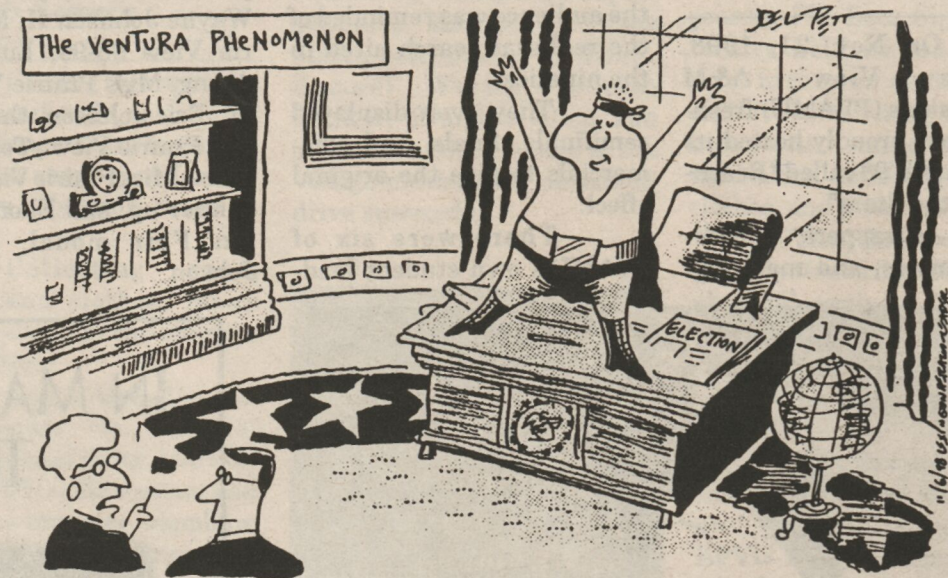
Pearls of knowledge were dropped by Bennett. She encouraged the student to excel in every aspect of their education because each day is a moment that will never be received again. Her words echoed the teachings of Prairie View's own director of acting, C. Lee Turner, who emphasizes that a good actor is a knowledgeable one. Bennett also gave the students tips on how to have a strong, well presented audition.

This was not the first time members of CalArts visited the campus. In 1990, Professor Ruben Sierra, the former Dean of CalArts, came to the campus and awarded six students scholarships to this esteemed school.

Sierra said that he was overwhelmed by the talent at Prairie View and he planned to commit at least one scholarship a year to a student from the PVAMU theatre program.

This is a major compliment to Prairie View and the program because CalArts accepts a limited number of students per year.

The visit from these distinguished guests inspired the students to reach higher heights and renewed the departments commitment to excellence.



"WHEN 'THE LIBIDO' IS FINISHED CELEBRATING, TELL HIM HENRY 'THE YOUTH-FULLY INDISCREET' IS GOING TO CALL KEN 'THE VOYEUR' AS A WITNESS!"

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service activities hosted by these organizations.

This not only expresses your interest in the group, but opens you up to meeting new people. Attending the interest meetings of various organizations does not necessarily show confusion. It actually shows an ability to make intelligent choices based on personal experience.

However, after committing to one organization or another, there are certain expectations of that individual. Primarily, he or she is expected to be dedicated to their decision and not show some of the flightiness our generation is so commonly known for.

Make a choice and stick to it. People have been known to have interviews for one organization and when not chosen, gained membership into another organization of the same caliber.

This frivolity says a lot about the type of loyalty he or she has for the fraternity or sorority. How can you declare your interest to become a member of an organization, then change your mind when not accepted?

Everyone pursues a sorority or fraternity for different reasons. The parties and bonding are only part of becoming a member of a fraternity or sorority in college. It is the lifelong commitment to that organization's goal that others don't see.

After graduation that commitment only continues on into another level of community service. Some try to pledge for the social status; others do it to better something or someone other than themselves. Then there are those who pledge to belong.

People trying to belong are so focused on that one goal that often times they don't care what they belong to. Those are the people who jump from one thing to another searching for acceptance, when they should be looking within to find that acceptance.

Since everyone who applies to an organization can not become a member, it is important to remain dedicated. Those who don't give up, show perseverance. Those who don't, don't. It is simply a matter of how much you want to become a part of this sorority or fraternity.

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9. Play Basketball, Ping Pong, Tennis, Football or other sports.
10. Do whatever is safe, affordable and makes you happy.

With some options, you need access to a car, and if gas is a problem then all those who want to go anywhere should pitch in the necessary money to get to and from your destination.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Freshman class searches for a star among themselves

Aqueelah Anderson
Panther Staff

On Nov. 21, 1998, Prairie View A&M University's (PVAMU) freshman class proudly hosted its Star Search '98 called "Reaching for the Stars".

As rappers, comedians, dancers, and male and

female spokesmodels, and singers reached for the stars, the audience was reminded of the real star search aired in the nineties.

They even displayed semifinals, finals, and commercials to give the original effect.

There were six of PVAMU's own student lead-

ers as judges; Mike Wilson, president of the junior class, Wayne Johnson II, Mr. Prairie View 98-99, Lum-Awah Atang, Miss Prairie View 98-99, Eric Johnson, the former Mr. Prairie View, Tonya Williams, Miss Prairie View's first runner up, and Ebony Fashion Fair model, Marlon Johnson.

Cliff Gatlin took the stage first singing "Why We Sing". Then, the audience was entertained with a dance performed by Michael Rice. Next were the rappers of the North and South Side Connection.

Afterwards Makada Sunyika and Erin Liggins touched the viewers with their wonderful voices. Liggins won

in the first round to compete in the semi-finals against Cecily Wagner.

In the second round of the semi-finals viewers got to see the competitors like vocalists Julian Claire and Wagner, dancer John Milo, comedian Ron Hall, rappers Two Fools on the Rise, and spokesmodel Tasha Woodard.

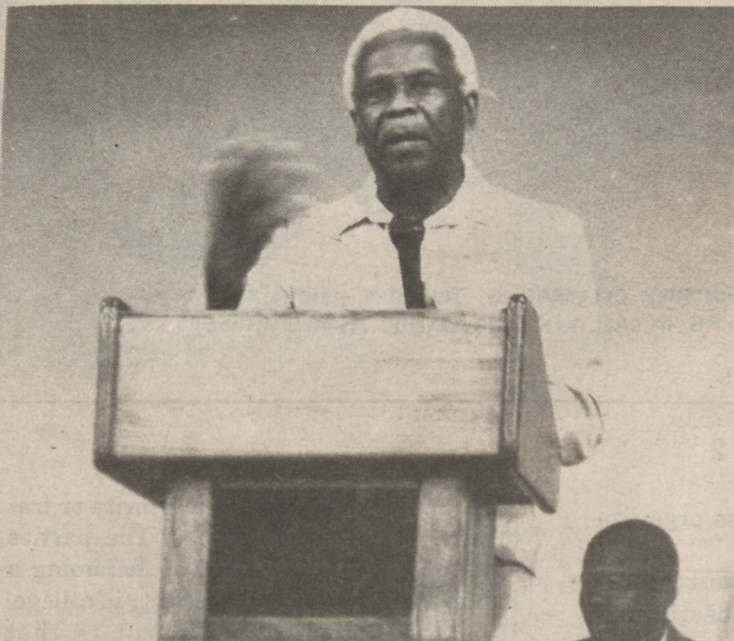


photo by Glenn Russell

Political science professor Dr. Imari Obadele speaks at leadership conference in MSC Ballroom. The conference was organized by Jessie Muhammad located behind Obadele.

Movement for independence among the Black community encouraged

By Santees Bowers
News Editor

If the question is proposed, many may not know that Dr.

Jewel Prestage is a professor at Prairie View A&M University.

Others may not have the knowledge that Prestage is the first Black

woman to earn a Ph.D. in political science within the United States.

Having this type of information ready to share, student Jessie Muhammad organized a leadership conference in the Memorial Student Center on Nov. 18.

With music provided by African drummers, the con-

ference consisted of words of wisdom, a rap performance, inspirational speeches, a gospel solo, and a question and answer panel discussion.

"The movement for independence, state power and the freedom of people should be continuously encouraged."

*-Imari Obadele
political science*

Encouraging leadership among the community and home political science professor Dr. Imari Obadele, psychology teacher Dr. Bernita C. Berry and

University of Houston senior, Tisha Muhammad from the Nation of Islam, were accompanied by other speakers.

Together the speakers prompted those present at the conference to take hold of the future and rely upon the knowledge of their ancestors. They also encouraged Black independence.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Organizations probate for students

Kandyace Mayberry
Panther Staff

The office of Student Activities sponsored the fall probate show Thursday, Nov. 19, 1998, bringing together old and new members of campus fraternities and sororities.

The show opened with the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The neophytes excited the audience with their stepping and enthusiasm.

The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. were next. The 84 girls were dressed in all black and thrilled the crowd with their attitude.

The Wisconsin Sleepers gained five new members.

Kappa Kappa Psi also took in just a few guys.

After they finished stepping, they were joined by other members as well as the ladies of Tau Beta Sigma.

Next up were the ladies of the blue and white, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

The next two groups consisted of non-Greek organizations, Rho Chi Psi, and Sigma Rhomeo.

The 15 new members of Rho Chi Psi dressed in oversized baseball jerseys.

The men of Sigma Rhomeo were up next.

They entertained everyone with their cane twirling act among three guys.

The last organization to perform was the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

There were other fall lines that did not participate in the show.

Cans, clothes and money collected for the holidays

Santee's Bowers
News Editor

Coming together like many families do, various organizations worked to accomplish the same goal for the holidays - helping those in need.

Collecting cans, money, and clothes, many groups joined in the effort to help others.

Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, the National Association of Black Journalists, KPVU radio station, and many community members participated in the drives. All of the donations collected will be used to aid people who are less fortunate.

With the profits from their Kappa Basketball Food Drive tournament, the organization will take their donations to the same church the

Prairie View Alumni Chapter supports. Kappas Roderick Martindale, James Williams, Samuel Wesley, Darien Belcher, Brandon Allen and others went door to door in the Village and dorms to make their drive successful.

Taking an outside approach, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity held its traditional drive in the new student park on Nov. 19. Offering free barbecue with donations, the organization collected money, clothes, and perishable items.

"The whole fraternity participated in the drive," mechanical engineer Terrance Toliver said. "We also clean a church every Saturday and maintain a highway that we adopted."

With announcements over the airwaves Olivia Siner and general manager of KPVU Larry Coleman, also joined together to collect items for families.

After the December 18 deadline the radio station will donate its items to Saint Peter's Baptist Church and Light House Church, they did during Thanksgiving.

"We also clean a church every Saturday and maintain a highway that we adopted."

*Terrance Toliver
Mechanical Engineer*



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REGIONAL NEWS

Annual Waller high school career day proves to be a success

photo by Stephanie Burman, WISD



PVAMU Student Enrollment Services personnel, Darlene Clark, LaTonia Gertman, Linda Durham, Belinda Lewis, and Nicole Daniels Bradford poses in the new Waller High School Library before serving as presenters at the high school's annual Career Day.

Stephanie Burman
Special to The Panther

One hundred-fifteen volunteer presenters from a wide range of occupations and professions showed up at the

new Waller High School (WHS) on Wednesday, Nov. 4 to take part in the school's annual Career Day.

"This is a big event for us," Principal Danny Twardowski told the group in

his welcoming remarks, and the truth in that statement was underscored by the obvious amount of attention that went into preparations for the four-hour event.

In a coordinated effort

that seemed to go off without a hitch, students served their guests a well-received fajita salad luncheon prepared by students of the WHS Nutrition and Food Service class and members of the school's FFA and FHA. Student Council members, who were responsible for attractive autumn table decorations, also served as greeters, while members of the school's Business and Professional organization assisted with parking and other hosting duties.

Three hospitality rooms were also made available for presenters during breaks in afternoon activities.

In turn, a noticeable amount of preparation had been done by the presenters who adjourned to individual classrooms after lunch to share information about their careers with three consecutive groups of students interested in the possibility of pursuing a career in that particular field.

All four of the school's grade levels participated in the event which included speakers in seven major areas, including Environmental and Agricultural Science, and Engineering and Industrial Technology. Following guidelines suggested by the school, presenters shared with their audiences such things as what led them to their particular career, its advancement opportunities and benefits, college or training required, and stresses or pressures created by their jobs as well as satisfactions.

Noting that most of the students, especially those in younger grades, have not made career choices yet, WHS Counselor Donna Suggitt explained, "the purpose of Career Day is to get the students thinking about all the job possibilities out there and the educational background they'll need for the ones that interest them."

Late humanitarian continues helping others through internships

By Patrina A. Bostic
Panther Staff

Efforts of the late Congressman Mickey Leland set the standard for the Texas Legislative Internship Program (TLIP) implemented in 1990.

The program was sponsored by Texas Senator Rodney Ellis and administered by the Mickey Leland Center on World Hunger and Peace at Texas Southern University (TSU).

The paid, full-semester program provides opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students in Texas to serve as legislative interns during the legislative session.

"Students who are interested in the political process and in the kind of humanitarian service exemplified by the late Congressman Mickey Leland are encouraged to apply for admission to TLIP," said Ellis.

TLIP will provide stu-

dents with first-hand knowledge of the critical issues facing our community and state."

Interns participate in all facets of the governmental process and are exposed to the legislative process of both houses.

Specific areas of concentration include criminal justice, education, transportation, health and human services, commerce, banking and finance, insurance, intergovernmental relations, employment and more.

Students serve as legislative assistants in the offices of ranking members of the Legislature, including the Governor, Lt. Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and various other state agencies.

A minimum of six and a maximum of fifteen academic credit hours are earned for participating in TLIP, which combines academic study and research with supervised practical training.

"Students will be on

the forefront of the development of legislative initiatives," said Sherill Carrington, project director of the Mickey Leland Center on World Hunger and Peace at TSU.

According to Carrington, "the experience will be one they will never forget."

Applicants must complete and submit an official application, resume, two letters of recommendation, an official transcript of 60 semester hours or more, a writing sample, proof of financial aid (if applicable) and verification of enrollment to qualify for admittance into the program.

Carrington said students are chosen according to their political interest, GPA and enthusiasm.

"Students who participate in TLIP are often offered permanent employment with members of the legislature and various state agencies," said Ellis.

"The intern's conduct must be exemplary."

Did You Know...

• there used to be a street between Drew Hall and Suarez-Collins Hall.

• W.R. Banks once was the library.

• the slave quarters used to be where Hobart-Taylor now stands.

• FM 1098 used to run along University Drive through where the John B. Coleman Library is now.

CAMPUS NEWS

Omega Week strengthens image of organization

By Jonte' Garrett
Panther Staff

The Fall 1998 semester has been bombarded with activities for both the students and staff at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU).

The week of November 16-20, officially Omega Week at PVAMU, was no different.

In an effort to change the image of the organization, the brothers of the Rho Theta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held various activities daily to strengthen their campus presence and to continue in the success of their organization. From seminars to parties, the fraternity entertained and motivated the student body of PVAMU.

On Monday, the fraternity impressed the ladies of the student body and administration by presenting them with a single carnation. Through this noble gesture,

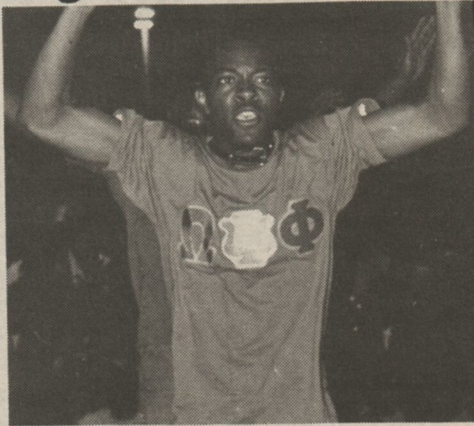


photo by Glenn Russell

Robert Welch performs in the fall probate show during Omega Week.

the brothers proved themselves to be caring and concerned young men.

In addition to earning the respect of the ladies on campus, the brothers of Omega Psi Phi hoped they would be able to mend broken ties with administrators and staff on campus.

Tuesday, the Omega's held a Founder's Day Ceremony in recognition of the founders of the organization.

In addition to the ceremony, the fraternity also dedicated its shield and repainted its tree.

A campus wide cleanup was sponsored by the Omegas on Wednesday. The fraternity also challenged the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma to a game of flag football in hopes of unifying all Greek organizations. The

Sigmas reigned victorious over the Omegas with a score of 14-7.

The end of Omega Week was highlighted by a party at the Newman Center on Thursday and a fraternity social on Friday held for the faculty and staff members.

The social was aimed at bonding past members and enlightening current members of the potential of the organization.



photo courtesy of Evangeline Mitchell

PVAMU graduate, Evangeline Mitchell is in Teradomari, a small Japanese coastal town, shopping at their seafood market.

Prairie View alumnus teaches in Japan

By Simeon O. Stanton
Panther Staff

Fifteen minutes outside the relatively large city of Houston, there is a university in a small town which produces productive people ready for cities any place in the world.

Evangeline Maria Mitchell, a spring 1994 graduate of Prairie View A & M University was selected to participate in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program.

Mitchell is one of six participants living in Kashiwazaki, Japan, a city with a population of about 90,000, and the only foreigner of African descent living there.

According to Mitchell, there are no more than approximately 80 out of over 3,000 new participants who are of African decent in the program.

She stated that a lot of programs such as JET don't recruit heavily at historically black colleges and universities.

Mitchell said she hopes to allay the fears that some may have of leaving the United States and encourage them to expand their horizons.

Mitchell stated, "I saw things in terms of how they affected my community,

my city, my state and my country. I now see things on a much broader scale and a more global perspective."

In Japan, Mitchell works with a team that assists Japanese English teachers.

She also produces a monthly English newsletter entitled "English is Fun," and teaches adult English classes.

The JET Program offers young college and university students the opportunity to go to Japan to promote international exchange and enhance foreign language education throughout the country.

JET was established in 1987 and since then has earned an excellent reputation both in Japan and throughout the world for its efforts in human and cultural exchange.

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NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. gives Iraq last chance ultimatum

Saddam Huissein does little to sanction U.S. trust in his word

Sano Jackson
Panther Staff

Just hours before the Clinton Administration led air-strikes, Saddam Hussein hesitated as the exhausted White House declared victory, for now.

According to Time Magazine, The Clinton Administration "agreed to cooperate with the United Nations again."

According to World News, the latest crisis over the U.N. weapon inspections was the last chance for Hussein to cooperate. Britain and the U.S. agreed that if he reneged on his promises, they would strike.

Early in August, the CIA warned the U.S. that Saddam would soon stop cooperating with spot inspections.

"I think everyone understands that this is the last go-round as far as Saddam is concerned," stated Defense Secretary William Cohen.

The White House stated they would "forestall military action" if Saddam disagreed with inspection.

Cohen stated, "They did one remarkable job in isolating them." Therefore, the White House had no chance of giving him a chance to do so.

Hussein wrote a letter clearly stating complaints that inspections and sanctions were enough.

However, the U.S. opposed the letter saying "they are arguing to take yes for an answer and were saying it's a fraudulent yes"

According to Time Magazine, the U.S. insists that Saddam is hiding stockpiles of germ weapons and the equipment to produce them.

Hussein wants relief for the inspections and sanctions, and says his word is good. However, the U.S. says he does not earn relief, and his word is not trustworthy enough.

So the question still lacks a good answer by the U.S. in determining whether Hussein is full of "missiles or paper promises" or is ready to start all over again.

Painter expresses 'Depression' through art

By Shaniece A. Bell
The Black Collegian

Jacob Lawrence, a native of Atlantic City, NJ, has achieved extraordinary international acclaim for his narrative paintings that show the experiences of African-Americans and represent the human concerns that these experiences create.

During the Harlem Depression, Lawrence began painting at the age of fifteen while participating in workshops at the Harlem Art Center with painter Charles Alston.

In 1941, *The Migration of the Negro* series was showcased at The Museum of Modern Art, making Lawrence the first African-American artist to have works in the permanent collection.

In addition to paint-

ing several series and receiving numerous honors, including the 1990 National Medal of Arts, Lawrence also taught art at the University of Washington before retiring as professor emeritus in 1983.

The influence of the Depression is seen in his early

"The influence of the Depression is seen in his early paintings... which represented everyday life in Harlem."

-Shaniece A. Bell

paintings of run-down and crowded quarters, which represented everyday life in Harlem.

Stories about African-American heroes also in-

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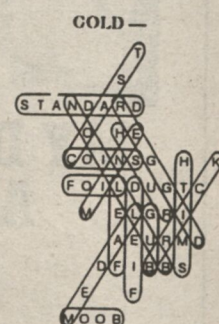
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BLACK HISTORY

Monster

By Sanyika Shakur

Book Review

By Munir Saafir
Staff Writer

Sanyika Shakur's autobiography "Monster" is a personal account of the Los Angeles gang culture that has spread across the United States. Comparing his life as an Eight Trey Gangster Crip to that of a combat soldier, he forces the reader to explore the causes of the complex gang culture beyond the simplistic views often expressed by the news media.

On the same day of his graduation from elementary school, Shakur was initiated into the Eight Trey Gangster Crips by receiving a beating by the gang members and later by shooting at their enemies, the Bloods. He dedicated his life to promoting his set (a particular gang in the various Crip or Blood gangs) and reaching the highest level of gang status called O.G. (original gangster).

Soon after his initiation Shakur received the name Monster for the brutal beating of a robbery victim, which became his gang nickname.

In the gang culture, the only way to gain respect was through violence towards the set's enemies and reckless promotion of a member's set through graffiti, hand signs, color wearing and conversation. At first, his set's enemies were Bloods but after a fist-fight that ended in a shooting, a war erupted between Monster's gang and the Rollin 60's crips. The Rollin 60's, who were formerly friends of the Eight Tray

Gangsters, became their number one enemy.

Monster invested all of his time into murdering and destroying the 60's and other enemy sets and supporting the survival and dominance of his set. In the process, Monster was severely beaten, shot and incarcerated.

In "Monster," Shakur explores not only the physical violence of the gang culture but also looks into the effects of the gang on his family. Even though he remained living in his mother's home, he and his mother did not communicate. She was against him being a gang member and to Monster that was an unforgivable infraction. His younger brother was also initiated into the Eight Trey Gangsters.

The real life story of "Monster" reads like a fast-paced, action-packed crime novel. In mainstream society, Shakur would be considered a mass murderer because of the sheer number of people he killed. Yet in his environment, he was respected and revered for his ruthless promotion of his set. In his culture, incarceration is expected and even looked on as honorable.

"Monster" forces the reader to ponder on the vast differences between the classes of society that lead to gang warfare. It does not support gang warfare but shows the human reasons and emotions that cause gang violence. Shakur provides a human face for the gang members that are often portrayed as less than human by politicians and mass media.

Integration milestone recognized in 42nd year

By La Shanda Lombard
Staff Writer

Segregation on buses in Montgomery, Ala. was completely demolished after a long hard battle.

A 381-day bus boycott was organized due to the arrest of Rosa Parks for refusing to give up her seat to a white man, on Dec. 1, 1955.

This arrest was the start of a great struggle.

The boycott started in December of 1955 and continued without interruption until Dec. 21, 1956.

People would walk several miles a day back and forth to work to avoid riding buses.

As black men and women walked past bus stops, they would notice that most of the buses were empty with not more than about five passengers on the bus.

The bus system of Montgomery lost a large sum of money without the support of the black passengers.

Blacks would acclimate themselves to walking and receiving rides everywhere to avoid riding the buses no matter how far. Not one black face was seen on the buses.

On Nov. 13, 1956, the United States Supreme Court upheld an earlier three-judge federal court decision which ruled that segregation on a common carrier violated the due process and equal protection of the law clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment.

This famous bus boycott was recognized all over the world and its success motivated many similarly fashioned protest throughout the South.

The National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) provided valuable legal support and handled the case as it went through the judicial process.

As a direct and enduring legacy of the bus boycott, King in 1957 established the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, intended to organize black clergymen "to assert their human dignity through nonviolent protest against segregation."

Blacks did not have many privileges, so they fought and stayed together as one and many things became possible because of this strong unity of togetherness.

There were many people who contributed to the bus boycotts' success, but the struggle for many other civil rights continued through and after the boycotts' victory.

Ceremony celebrates those lost in slavery

By Tina M. Ellis
Copy Editor

On July 3, 1999, a monument honoring the millions of people who lost their lives at the hands of slavery between the 15th and 19th centuries will be lowered into the Atlantic Ocean's Middle Passage. The Middle Passage is the route used by slave traders to transport slaves from Africa to North America.

There will be six replicas of the monument made to stand in Africa, the Caribbean, Central America, Europe, North America, and South America. These six countries were the major sites of slave activity. The monuments will stand as a constant reminder of the turmoil caused by the slave trade.



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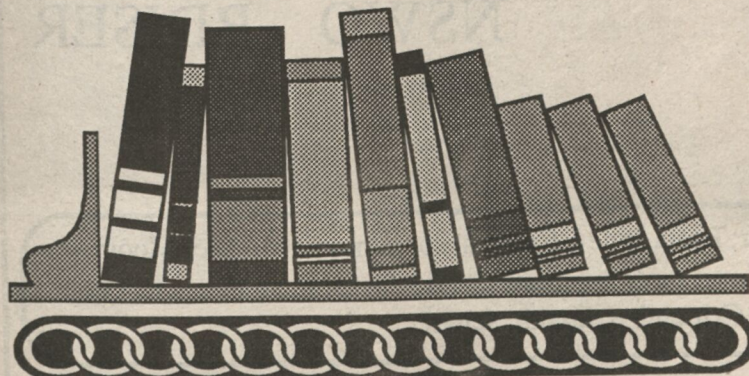
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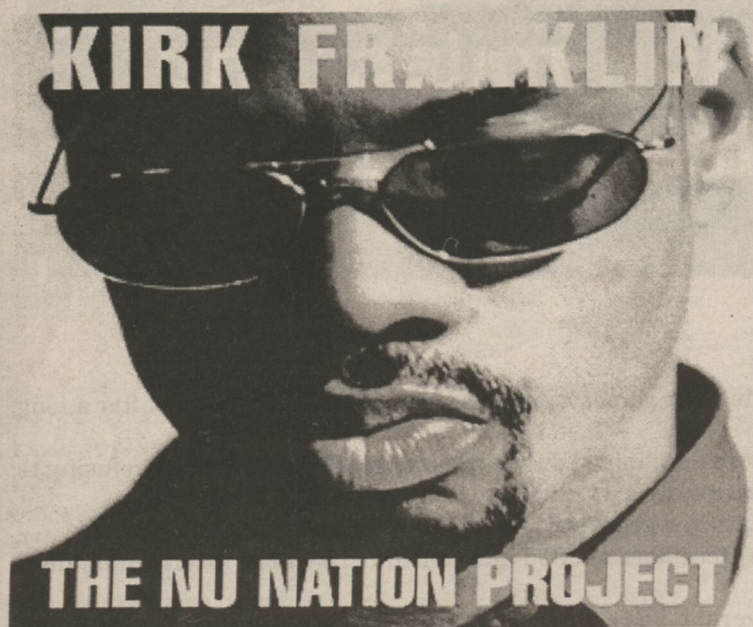
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ENTERTAINMENT

Gospel music genius Kirk Franklin wants you to 'Dance for the Lord'

Ft. Worth native pushes the boundaries of contemporary gospel music with his soulful, yet sanctified sounds



Gospel music's Kirk Franklin blesses fans with his latest release, *The Nu Nation Project*

Photos courtesy of Gospocentric Records

faces constantly, and just like the race from which he descends, he overcomes only to progress in his efforts to preach the word of God through music.

One can only speculate as to what the verdict is because before it is even announced, the enthusiastic praise joint, "Revolution," bumps through the speakers sounding ever so "Stomp"esque with its funky rhythm and catchy hook, a sound that prompts the aforementioned accusations.

Franklin adds fuel to the already blazing inferno when he and Rodney Jerkins, producer of Brandy, Whitney Houston, Tatyana Ali and co-producer of this particular track, spit righteous rhymes like: "What you feeling, what you want son? / Who you callin' to son? / You know Jesus is the true son, the second in the trinity / I know you feelin' Him / 500 days left until the millennium...." From the sound of this song and others like "Praise Joint (Remix)" and "If You've Been Delivered," it's certain Franklin hasn't heard the last from his skeptical critics.

Aside from foot-stomping grooves,

Franklin also does a nice job of creating many soft, melodic ballads which do nothing but profess God's love like the calming "Hold Me Now" and the heartening "You Are."

Perhaps the most uplifting song on the album is the grand "Lean On Me," a collaborative effort with R&B heavyweight R. Kelly, queen of hip-hop soul Mary J. Blige, rock star Bono and contemporary Christian singer Crystal Lewis.

Gospel Singer Fred Hammond makes an awesome appearance on the hand-clapping "My Desire," a Sunday morning ditty that incorporates serious guitar, snares and horns, making it easy to "Dance

for the Lord," as Franklin would say.

Although not as satisfying as Franklin's previous albums, *The Nu Nation Project* represents the rapid evolution in contemporary gospel music that has been somewhat spearheaded by this talented Texan.

His efforts to reach young people spiritually through the use of hip-hop and beats traditionally suited for R&B, displays his undying need to master his calling the only way he knows how—through music.

By Zharmer Hardimon
Entertainment Editor

We first heard the sounds of gospel music genius Kirk Franklin less than four years ago when he blessed us with his groundbreaking debut, *Kirk Franklin & The Family*, which took the industry by storm and provided a sound for gospel music unheard. His second LP, *Whatcha Lookin' 4*, picked up right where the latter left off as it was jam-packed with soul-stirring music good enough to shout about.

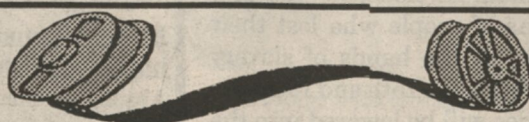
After having ushered in God's Property, the young, full-of-soul group that broke all kinds of barriers, including heavy rotation on MTV, BET, and mainstream radio with

their number one international hit "Stomp" from the phenomenal album, *God's Property From Kirk Franklin's Nu Nation*, Franklin has returned to grace listeners with his latest endeavor, *The Nu Nation Project*, an uplifting combination of songs inspiring to the mind, heart and soul.

Opening the CD is "Interlude: The Verdict," a court room skit that has Franklin on trial for three charges: #1 Trying to take the gospel to the world #2 Making gospel music to secular and #3 Trying to tear down the walls of religion. These are accusations that this Ft. Worth-native



Pick-a-Flick



The first nine people to correctly unscramble all the movies below will win a video of their choice courtesy of Miramax Home Entertainment. Claim your prize by bringing the correct answers and this issue of the paper to *The Panther* office in the bottom of the MSC, room 114

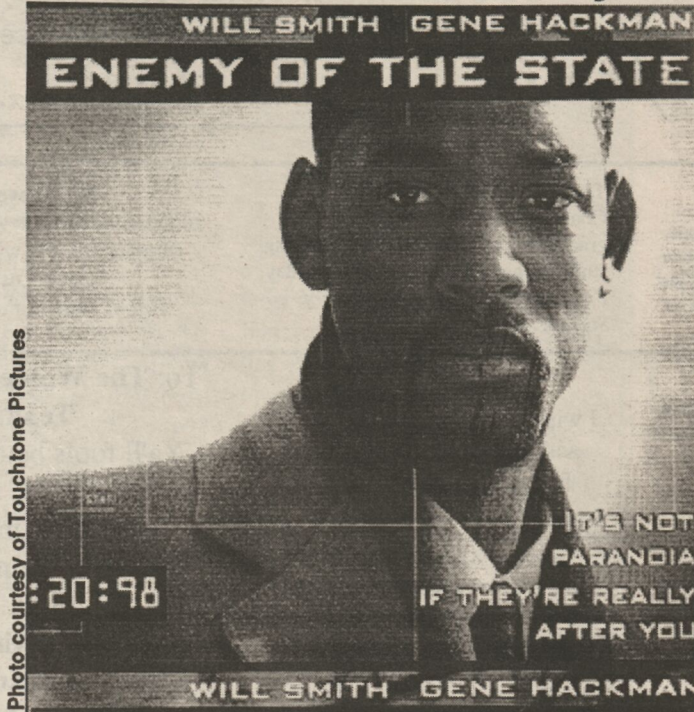
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Congratulations to last issue's winners: James Adams, communications, senior; Breta Jones, English, sophomore; Michael Moore, mechanical engineering, freshman; Attache Allen, computer science, junior; Latuisha Trice, biology, junior; Maya Jackson, animal science, junior; Lee Beal, accounting, freshman; Kendra Robetson, accounting, freshman; Letha Crittenden, health, senior.

ENTERTAINMENT

Will Smith excites in *Enemy of the State*

Will Smith and Gene Hackman star in the fast-paced, action-packed thriller *Enemy of the State*

If you are one who enjoys action-packed movies that keep you on the edge of your seat, then you don't want to hesitate in checking out *Enemy of the State*, the new non-stop thriller starring movie/television/rap star Will Smith.

The movie hit theaters Friday, Nov. 20, and just like every other movie starring Smith, it was a treat.

Smith plays the role of a successful attorney who innocently gets involved in a high-risk government scandal, getting accidentally framed by a friend. He dramatically attempts to escape death through the practice of guerrilla warfare.

Co-starring in the film is award-winning actor Gene Hackman, who not only puts on a fantastic performance but also contributes to the great on-screen chemistry between he and Smith.

The film can be best described as two hours and 20 minutes of high-powered antics, action and adventure that is sure to excite and entertain.

This holiday season, I recommend *Enemy* to you and yours. It is definitely worth the money, so don't sleep. Go see this movie, you won't regret it.

By Kalyn L. Bullock

Open Mic



Consumer Racism

Consumer Racism.....
Is that the funniest thing
you've ever seen?
The last time I checked all
money was green.
You walk in the store,
They don't even speak.
You pick up some Tommy,
They start to tweek.
Isn't this a tme
When people are equal?
It seems as though
It is only a sequel
Of when the activists had to

Fight for our rights.
Most things are here again,
And we still have to fight.
Alonzo Jackson
just wanted a shirt.
Instead he got treated
JLike he did some dirt.
Even Chevron
Doesn't want to give way.
The people of Kennedy Heights
Just want a cheap place to stay.
Now I don't know
What you've been told,
But Black or White

This stuff's gotten old.
We need to wake up
And see the light,
Because everyone knows
That this s%#@ ain't right.
Consumer Racism....
C'mon you people let's
stop this s%#@
Before my people have to
get ing'nit!!

---Catherine L. Ewing

20 Questions

1. Whose bright idea was it to change the upstairs of the MSC into a high school cafeteria?
2. Why were there people on the AKA and Zeta lines who had previous interviews with Delta?
3. Speaking of this year's neophytes, why did the Deltas act like the Fall '98 probate show was their show?
4. Why do some maintenance men try to holla' at female students?
5. Why is the December 1998 graduating class so live?
6. Will President Hines be upset about the front page story of this issue?
7. Does Dodge/Chrysler's "Neon" automobile stand for Ni@#as Everywhere On Neons?
8. Why is the week before finals called "Dead Week" when we still have classes?
9. Why are some of ya'll sofa king re todd it?
10. Why do we love some professors, but hate their tests (i.e. Mrs. L. Pointer, Mrs. C. Means, Dr. L. Williams, Mr. Hussein, Dr. Harvey, Mr. Ravi)?
11. Who was on suspension more in 1998: The Marching Storm or the Omegas?
12. Why is the term "hater" mo' tired than we will be after next week's exams?
13. Why are folk puttin' anonymous "Shout-Outs" in the paper like they are still in junior high?
14. Do ya'll really believe the ad the Kappa's put in this issue of the paper?
15. Why is it that on stations like 104 KRBE we hear internet advertisements, but on 97.9 "The Box" all we hear are bail bond commercials?
16. Is it true NSBE is on suspension for not following the flyer stamping procedures?
17. Does Student Activities draw organization's names out of a hat to decide who gets suspended?
18. Isn't it a shame that the freshmen have not been able to experience a Waller Fairgrounds party?
19. Are these the bomb-a*% 20 Questions, or what?
20. Why will I miss doing these 20 Questions so much?

We want to know what you think. Please submit any question you may have to The Panther, Rm. 114 in the bottom of the MSC. Questions are printed upon discretion of The Panther.

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The Panther's current top ten in no particular order

"When a Woman's
Fed Up"
R. Kelly
"Silly"
TLC
"Trippin"
Total
"Revolution"
Kirk Franklin & The
Nu Nation
"When You Believe"
Whitney Houston &
Mariah Carey

"Can't Get Enough"
Willie Max
"Gangsta Put Me
Down"
Geto Boys
"That's My Ni**a"
Mystikal
"Unify (Mega Mix)"
Kid Capri f/ Slick Rick,
Cam'ron, Jermaine
Durpi & Lost Boys
"Have You Ever?"
Brandy

CAMPUS NEWS

Kindling Kinship

Students 'shout-out' to Prairie View family

Home is where the heart is. Never betray family; its the anchor of existence and energy for living.

- Dr. K. Balltrip

To: ALL STUDENTS!!!
This semester was a success. We would like to thank you all for your active participation to make this campus a better one. We have been through several struggles to come out on top!!! We look forward to working with you all in the spring. Happy Holidays and Be Safe!!!
From: The Student Government Association

To: Dr. Pointer & Dr. Krugel
It's people like the two of you who make the most wonderful difference in the lives of students. Thank you for the encouraging and uplifting of me.
Love, Patrina Bostic

To: The SGA Senate
We would like to thank you for your hard work this semester. You all have made SGA a success. But, it is not over yet. Get some rest over the holidays because we have to hit the ground running in the spring. Happy Holidays!!
From: SGA Executive Board

To: The Family
Thank you for the support and Love: Mommy and Daddy, Stay - 'Skee-Wee', Heather P., Big Brother A, Miss Jackie, 'Lovely' Leon J., 'Sug-AR-bear' Perry, Shawn and the rest of the click, 'Pooh'-Ken, Roosevelt, Braylon - Daddy, Peanut Butter - Harrison, Jerry J., Angela, Sha-Wanna, La Trice, The Panther Staff, the Hit Squad, De Soto - Dallas: North Texas representing, Houston, We Aint Coming Out - Waco, Funky Town Fort Worth - Terrilyn, and last but not least... my partner in crime 'Batman'... to the Batcave... See you all in '99.
From: Santee's - PVAMU's Finest

To: Terrilyn, LaNita, & Kandi (F.W. Clique)
It has been a very productive semester. I will see ya at home & remember you are all true when it comes to friends.
From: Kim Russell

To Everyone who has supported my through all of my endeavors - Holla!
From: Zharmar

To: Joe Thibodeaux
Congratulations Graduate!! You Finally did it. Keep your mind on the right track and God #1 in your life. Keep in touch and stay SWEET!!
From: Myishea

To: The Brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
I would like to say it's been a pleasure bonding with you guys - you all don't let the chapter die - remember yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, that's why they call it the present.
From: Paul W. Kane #8 K.S.M.C.

To: TBM and GSS
Remember 1 Corinthians 12:26 - you can always count on me.
From: DLC

To: Eddie Sherrod
Congratulations! - even though we have our ups & downs - I'm going to miss you. Good Luck!
From: Lee

To: Mr. James August
I'll never be able to thank you enough for the kindness you've shown me. You are a great professor and person.
Love, Patrina

To: Wisconsin Sleepers
Congratulations to Tiffany Zachery, Catherine Ewing (Mama), Heather Hagger, Nikki Jones, and Jaree Johnson.
From: The Kids

To: Dorian and La Raya
Let's continue to give the TBs hell - Divas!
From: Joyce

To: Steve Gowan
What doesn't break us, only makes us stronger. Although we've had problems in the past and may have some in the future - I will always love you.
From: Jamilia Jackson

To: Ladies Track Team
Much love to the women's track team. The finest, brightest, and most respectable women on the campus!
From: Big sista "Supafyne"

To: Margaret & Lisa Sherrod & Family
To my beautiful mother, sister & family (stepfather)-Joseph. For all of their love & support throughout these years... I just want to say I love you all & Thank You.
From: Eddie Sherrod

To: Dorian & Joyce Dixon
This is a shout-out to my girls - GSS & DLC. The semester was exciting and I am looking forward to the next one! Keep doing what ya doing!
From: La Raya Felton

To: Joe Rockhead
I love you. Coming to PV was the best thing you could have done to make us closer. Continue to be that diva sister of mine and I'll keep showing you how to be a diva.
From: FACE

To: Ebony Mitchell
Thanks for representing 98 & 99 Ms. Black & Gold for the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
From: Adrian Carter

To: Fall 1998 - AKA (Zeta Gamma)
Congratulations on becoming my sorors. I look forward to working with you all. I love you! Much AKA Love, #21 - Fall 96
From: Big Sister Wave Nouveau

To: Barbara & Roberta
Good luck and thanks for everything. Love you guys!
From: Doris

To: Swam Princess, Prudential, Cover Girl, & The Oracle
Congratulations sorors. I love you all. Grasp your dreams and run with them. Good Luck - and best wishes. I will miss ya'll. OO-OOP!!
From: "Genesis" #38 of Evolution

To: Timothy Albert
I would like to thank you for being a true friend through all of my trials and tribulations, but that's what brotherhood is all about. - Thanks
From: Nupe #8 - Spr. 97

To: Catherine Ewing
I wish you much success in life and thanks for being a great friend. I'll truly miss you!
From: Toy Green

To: All PVAMU's students
Congratulations to all Dec. 98 graduates - and for all of the returning students, have a safe & happy holiday.
From: Brian Dickens, Director of Student Activities

To: Catherine Ewing
I wish you much success in life and thanks for being a great friend. I'll truly miss you!
From: Toy Green

To: Dr. Olga Adair
Thank you for believing in me and bringing out my best. You have a beautiful spirit. You are a most professor. Yes, the BEST!!! - I Love You
From: Patrina

To: All of my graduating sorors (ΔΣΘ)
Stay focus on your future goals and always remember to keep God first in your hearts. I will always love you guys!!!
From: #43 Myishea Gilliam

To: Faculty, staff, & Students
I really appreciate how good you all have been to me. I look forward to my future here.
From: Elena Schaaafsma

To: Kanika A., Erica J., Francia B., Issi A., Queverra M., Michael P., Damian D., Tanya W., Tanisha C., Kisha M., Wayne J., LaRon, Gboyega, Yinka, Tony
Have a Merry and Safe Christmas vacation - See you in 1999!!
From: Lum-Awah Atang

To: My sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
I love ya'll!!! OO-OOP!
From: Qiana "Sahara" Green

To: That D-Town Click "D.U.I."
We've made it through another a school year shaking those haters. Continue to keep it real, and we'll always have ya'll back. Cause hxxx don't like dat. Love ya Girl, Jam
From: Ya Girl From Dallas: Jamila, WeeWee, Keisha, Anita

To: Zharmar Hardimon
You've filled our department with so much laughter. Where will I be without you? Good luck and shoot for the stars! It's a "hard-knock life!"
From: Tiffany "T-Ree" Reeder

To: Zharmar
20 Questions will never be the same without you, nor will the office. Good Luck!!
From: Student Publications

To: The Women's Track Team
Ya'll fools better wreck shop at SWAC this year - cuz I wants me a ring before I get up out this piece! Can I get a wha wha?! Love Ya! Best of luck!
From: L. Boogie

To: My Kappa Alpha Psi Brothers
Be a NUPE about everything in life Much Love #4.
From: Steven Burns - Spring 98 4 club

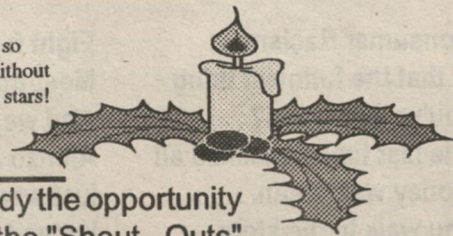
To: Christie Berry
Congratulations and good luck in all of your future endeavors. We will miss you! SKEE WEE!
From: 84 Legends of Mystique

To: Kimberly Russell, LaNita Jackson, Kandi, "E-Dub Clique"
Ya'll are my girls and I want you all to know that I love ya'll. Stay real and on top of the world! See ya at home in "Funkytown."
From: Terrilyn Gray "TJ"

To: Chanty B
Even though we haven't kicked it this semester like we used to, you're still my girl. Bonded 4 Life!
From: Joyce

To: Rebecca "Becky" Johnson
The Panther would like to thank you for all of your support towards us through the last two semesters. You have been a faithful reader. - Thanks
From: The Panther (We love you Becky)

The End of the Semester "Shout - Outs" were designed to give the student body the opportunity to express any thoughts and ideas to another person, but at the same time the "Shout - Outs" were designed to raise money for a worthy cause. This semester's shout - outs will be donated to H.T. Jones Elementary School, located near the entrance of the campus of Prairie View A&M University. The money will be used to buy supplies based on the school's need. If you are interested in donating money to this cause, please contact the Office of Student Publications at (409) 857-2132, or come by the Memorial Student Center (MSC) room 114. Thank You and Happy Holidays!
Carlos C. Hopkins
Business Manager



See Shout-Outs on page 16

SPORTS NEWS

1998 the year in sports: As old records fall, new heroes are born

By Olin T. Flowers
Sports Editor

1998 was a record-breaking year for sports. In almost every major sport, both collegiate and professional, the records of heroes past became a part of history as new records were set by the stars of tomorrow.

The new records are only fitting, as they set a new plateau for human performance, stretching the limits of athleticism to unthought of boundaries for future athletes in the coming new millennium.

The most notable record to fall this season was Roger Maris' single season homerun record of 61 set in 1927. This was broken by not only one, but two players.

Mark 'Big Mac' McGwire, of the St. Louis Cardinals became the new all-time single record holder with 70 home runs, followed closely by 'Slammin' Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs who finished the season with 67 trips around the bases.

Baseball fans were also able to see the 1998 world-champion New York Yankees set a new record for games won by a franchise in a single season, and witnessed the end of an era when baseball's ironman, Cal Ripken Jr. of the Baltimore Orioles, announced his retirement. Ripken holds the all-time Major League record for consecutive games played (2,632), a title he claimed after surpassing the former record holder, the late-great Lou Gherig.

Professional football has also had its share of highlights.

Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins became the first quarterback in NFL history to throw for 400 touchdown passes. Marino also became the all-time current passing yardage leader with over 50,000 yards passing.

Not far behind Marino is John Elway, quarterback of the world-champion Denver Broncos.

Elway became only the second player to reach 50,000 yards passing behind Marino, and is only the sec

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In the Sports Spotlight

Dakari Jahi Lenear



Photo by Gitonga M'Mbijewe

Dakari Lenear grabs the baton at the Prairie View relays.

"I will be leaving the track team in the very capable hands of Houston Watson and Louis Turner."

Dakari Jahi Lenear

Height:

6'1"

Hometown:

Lubbock, TX

Age:

22-years-old

Athletic

Experience: 4 years

Positions:

Cornerback

400 & 800 meter run

Personal Best:

ESPN player of the week after the victory over Langston

Favorite Junk Food:

Animal crackers

Major:

Criminal Justice

Football and volleyball teams end season on high note

By LaShanda Lombard
Panther Staff

The football and volleyball teams had record setting seasons that are now coming to an unforgettable end.

Toward the middle of the season, the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)

suspended all sports at PVAMU until further notice after the marching storm was involved in an altercation with the marching band of Southern University. The suspension was ultimately lifted allowing the volleyball team to compete in the SWAC championship where they finished second.

The Panthers defeated Langston at their homecoming game in mid-season.

The Panther football team will not be forgotten for their hard work over the season. "This was a great season, I really enjoyed it," said Senior Kelvin Jefferson.

The effort that the teams have shown will never be forgotten.

These teams have set a standard that Prairie View A&M University will not be defeated and will be the best in the SWAC.

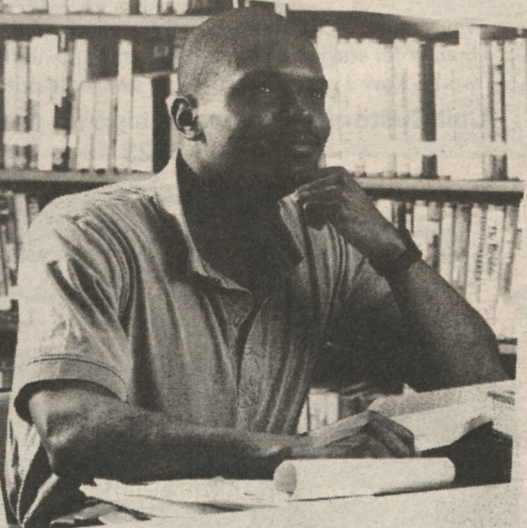
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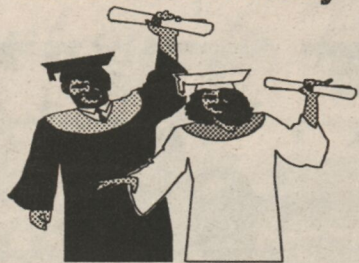
In Brief

PVAMU holds graduation ceremony

Prairie View, Texas

Commencement exercises will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, 1998 in the Billy Nicks Fieldhouse at 10:30 a.m.

The speaker for the occasion is Mr. Don K. Clark, special agent in charge of the Houston Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation.



Candidates for graduation are encouraged to report at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 12.

Students given proper checkout guidelines

Prairie View, Texas

Students living in dorms on the campus of Prairie View A&M University are required to check out at the end of this semester.

Each student is required to check out personally.

In order to properly check out, students should

schedule an appointment with the R.A. for a room clearance between 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Each room should be cleaned and each key turned into the Residence Hall Director along with the signed inventory sheet.

The deadline for check out is Dec. 11, 1998.

Failure to check out properly will result in an increase in fees.

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ond quarterback in history to hit this plateau and rush for over 3,000 yards in their career. His Broncos are also on pace to complete an undefeated season this year, and Broncos running back Terrell Davis is far above pace to break the single season rushing yardage mark of 2,248 yards held by Eric Dickerson.

1998 will probably be the last season for two other notable all-time great players.

Reggie White of the Green Bay Packers continues to dominate the defensive side of the ball. White is the NFL's all-time sack leader with 165.5 sacks to his credit, and leads the league this season as well with 16 sacks.

Arguably the greatest wide receiver of all-time, Jerry Rice of the San Francisco 49ers, (also a member of the all-time great Black college team from Mississippi Valley State) continues to increase his lead in the record books. Rice currently holds 13 NFL records, including all-time receiving yardage leader (16,377), most touchdowns scored (170), and most receptions (1,111).

Even after today's greats are gone, there are a number of up and coming players waiting to take their place in the history books.

Rookie receiver Randy Moss of the Minnesota Vikings, is the heir apparent to Rice's throne. Moss currently ranks first in the NFL with 47 receptions for 1,014 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also has scored nine times on receptions of 40 yards or more, ranking him second all-time for touchdown receptions of 40 yards or more in only his rookie season.

Though he has not played a down professionally, running back Ricky Williams of the University of Texas is also highly touted as a star of tomorrow.

Affectionately known as "Lil' Earl" by the media (A reference to the former University of Texas star and NFL great Earl Campbell) Williams broke 17 NCAA records, including the most touchdowns scored (75), and the all-time NCAA rushing record with 6,082 yards during his four years at the University of Texas to surpass Tony Dorsett. Williams should be the number one pick in next season's draft.

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Semester Ends Commencement 10:30 a.m. Billy Nicks Fieldhouse

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COMIC RELIEF

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fluenced Lawrence. In 1938, Lawrence completed a "portrait" series of Haitian revolutionary Toussaint L'Ouverture that comprises 41 paintings in tempera on paper and shows his narrative serial format, his use of flat, two-dimensional forms and his concern with the human struggle.

Lawrence also painted scenes from the slavery period and civil rights movement such as his "portrait" series of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and John Brown where he

uses steep, skewed perspectives and sharp, angular forms to convey the energy, movement and tension of their narratives.

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Suit from page 1

reprisal."

The jury did not have the authority to reinstate Foster to his former position. However, Federal Magistrate Judge Alan D. Albright is expected to rule within the next few months on Foster's rein-

statement.

The lawsuit, which was filed in federal court in Austin in September 1997, was funded by TFA's parent organization, the Texas State Teachers Association. Foster was represented by attorney's Bryan Cantrell and Lance Lackey from the law firm of West, Webb, Allbritton and Gentry.

Reg Weaver, vice president of the 2.3 million member National Education Association, said, "I am pleased to learn of William Foster's victory in his lawsuit against the (PVAMU) administration. It is unconscionable

that any institution of higher education in this country would violate the rights of one of its faculty members."

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Entertainment was provided by the award winning members of the Classic Dance Ensemble performing "Birth of a Nation".

Beckwith, a native of New Orleans, LA, is a marketing major. She participates in many organizations including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and, the American

Marketing Association.

Beckwith plans to attend law school upon graduation to become an executive director of a prominent marketing firm.

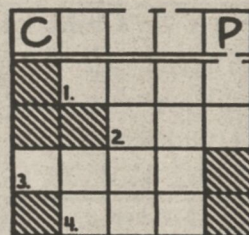
The men of the Zeta Beta Chapter were very pleased with the pageant's success. They are looking forward to next year's pageant. This year's pageant would not have been possible without Krimson and Kream the committee Anthony Webber, co-chairman; Jonathan Tamplin, co-chairman; Damon H. Mattox, logistics and information, and Troy K. Robinson, polemarch.

Panther Comics

The Answers are located in the Classified Section

FIN-A-WORD! On the top line is our mystery word. You read to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

1. Mound of earth.
2. Sports official.
3. Good friend.
4. Droning sound.



Illustrated by David Coulson

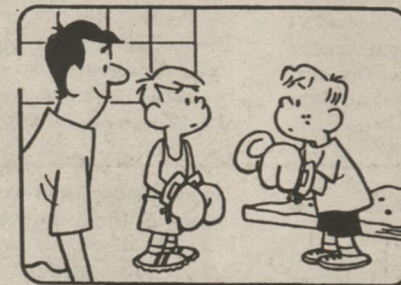
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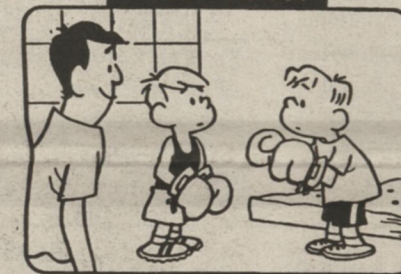
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BZXVTRQOAEURMDM
KIHFDBZDFIBBSYW
VTRQONELKFIFHDC
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Boom Brick Bug Bullion Coast Coins Digger Field Foil Leaf Medal Mine Rush Smith Standard



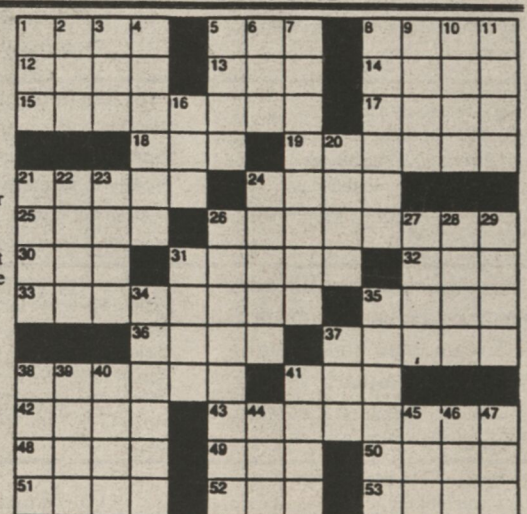
HOCUS-FOCUS



Differences: 1. Shirt is different. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Fingering are missing. 4. Hat is thicker. 5. Slight is added. 6. Mouth is smaller.

KING CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Network
5 Moo - pork
8 Basilica section
12 "A Death in the Family" author
13 Flagstick
14 Excoriate
15 1849 event
17 Peregrinate
18 Holster occupant
19 Followed order
21 Paul's "Mad About You" co-star
24 Lingerie selections
25 Corrosive liquid
26 Five p.m. or so
30 Yon maiden fair
31 Highway pylons
32 Thickness
33 It makes 730 revolutions per year
35 Miracle site
36 Actress Lamarr
37 "Lay, Lady, Lay" singer
38 Lets
41 Intend
42 Household staffer
43 Vade mecum
48 Tour-de-



France transport
49 Peculiar
50 Competent
51 Mid-month, roughly
52 Path
53 Creditor's right
DOWN
1 Periodical, for short
2 Freudian concept
3 Poivre partner
4 Bet both ways
5 Whirled
6 Part of H.R.H.
7 Thrown from the saddle
8 From the top
9 Stratagem
10 Except
11 Watched
16 Head for the finish line
20 Scroogean outcries
21 Corned beef recipe
22 Canyon comeback
23 Stead
24 Small hopper
26 Touring company's performance
27 October stone
28 Radius
29 Farrah's ex
31 Masticate
34 Scholarship name
35 Percussion piece
37 Accomplished
38 Both: prefix
39 Set down
40 Analogous to
41 Mayberry marshal
44 Lord Byron's daughter
45 Sapporo sash
46 Bullring bravo
47 Author Follett

MAMA'S BOYZ by JERRY CRAFT

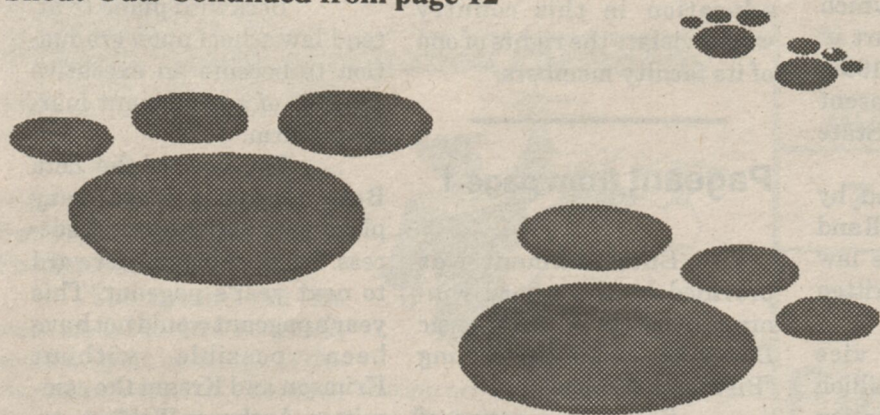


"Just Chillin'" BY: Quincy Higgins



THE FINAL WORD

Shout-Outs Continued from page 12



To: Everyone who has supported The Panther through the good and bad times. To the advertisers, your faith in us as a reputable publication is greatly appreciated.
From: The Panther

Thanks to all the students who worked so faithfully on The Panther this year.
From: G.T. & Doc

To: Graduating Brothas of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
 May God Bless You Brothers and Congratulations - Eddie, Phillip, J-Bell, Trevi, & Damon
From: T-Webb

To: Jimmy
 I'm going to miss you over the month. I can't wait until we're together again. - I Love You!
Love: Tianya

To: 84 Legends of Mystique Fall 98
 Congratulations on a job well done. Continue to uphold the true spirits of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
From: Ex-Files - Spring '98 AΦA

Congratulations to Eta Gamma #4
From: the Eta Beta #4

To: Criminal Justice Majors
 I hope the things you've learned at PVU become a stepping stone to accomplish greater things. Always keep God first and everything else will fall into place.
From: Ms. Faucher

To: All my sistas of Pretty Phi Pretty
 There is nothing a pretty girl can't do. I may be learning, but we will always be sisters. - I love you!
From: Your soror, Big Sister Bonita

To: Stephanie Bowers and Keshia Bland
 I wanna shout out to my girl Stephanie Bowers "keep it real" and Happy Belated Birthday to my girl Keshia Bland!
From: Terrilyn Gray "TJ"

To: The Graduating Sorors of Delta Sigma Theta
 Good luck in all of your future endeavors. It was a blessing to know and grow with all of you. All of you lovely ladies will be missed. God-bless - and OO-OOP!
From: Rockell Williams "The Ace"

To: Khaleiah
 You've been a great friend to me - PV needs some more REAL women Like You!
From: Carlos

To: Natasha Gransberry
 Girl, we have come a long way and I'm glad that we got cool. I'm going to miss your straight-forward personality. Continue to keep it REAL and you will go far. Congrats and I wish you much success in your future. Much love for you T. Berry.
From: Erica Hughes

To: Antonio Singleton A*K*A Biscuit
 Congratulations! I wish you the very best in life. If you ever need anything, I'll be here for you. - Love Ya with all my heart.
From: Almika

To: Ebony Mitchell
 We are grateful for having a special woman as yourself for our Ms. Black and Gold 98-99 Stay Sweet
From: Joe Taylor

To: That cute little Grad Assistant
 Keep on givin' those rub downs...cuz if I want ya, I'm gonna getcha! Best hands in the SWAC?
 -Let me be the judge of that!
From: Sexy Legs

To: Ressurrection; Fall '98 AΦA
 Congratulations and continue to hold up the light.
From: Ex-Files; Spring '98 AΦA

To: Wisconsin Sleepers, Inc.
 Thank you for all of the love & support you've given to me. No other link can ever be like the 23 Audacious NeXXus Under Seige.
From: Tiffany Zachery #2 Fall 96 "lil Princess"

To: The Resurrection - Fall '98
 Gracias, Mi Hermanos. With all of our strength and wisdom put together, we're unstoppable.
From: Your Ace

To: Alpha Kappa Alpha Congrats
From: #27 Fall '96

To: Carlos Hopkins
 Thanks for all your support as being a good friend, "Pete"!
 Love ya
From: Khaleiah

To: 1998 Graduates
 Congratulations to all Graduating Students. Success in your new Careers!
 - Congratulations to Summa Cum Laude Spring '98 Graduate Eric Gaither on completion of his first semester at Dartmouth.
From: Prof. Carol L. Adams-Means

To: Fall 98 The Resurrection Line of AΦA
 Let's make it happen.
From: #8 South Park

To: K.S., L.H., J.M., N.T., J.J., T, S, and C.H.
 I love you all and I hope that your holidays are blessed.
From: Keely Ross

To: All My Children
 Please have a safe holiday - I Love You All (Old & New)
From: Mrs. V. W. Jackson

To: Davida Robinson
 Good Luck in nursing school. I'm going to miss you.
From: Christopher Gregg

To: My Heavenly Father
 I would like to thank him for blessing me and giving me the strength to hold on, and for giving me this day.
From: Eddie Sherrod - Graduating Senior - Dec. 98

To: Renaldo Quinsey
 In this end, there is a new beginning. I'm confident that you are ready to face any new challenges. Congratulations!
From: Tiffany Edwards

To: #43 Myishea Gilliam & #40 Tamika Spencer
 Good Luck in Nursing School next semester and continue to keep God #1 in your life. - Love You!!
From: #33, #48, and #63

To: Travise Mitchell
 I will miss you, Cover Girl! Thank you for not only being my soror, but for being my friend. Congratulations! OO-OOP
From: Rockell Williams

To: Kenneth Pratt
 Happy 19th Birthday "Krack," congratulations on the accomplishments you've made this semester.

To: Jawana Aquilliard
 We make the best Krimson and Kream team on the yard -Maintain
From: Anthony Webber

To: Our Beautiful Sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
 Through the storms, trials and tests of our beloved sisterhood, WE have STOOD the test of time! We love you! OO-OOP
From: "Prudential" (Jenn) and "Cap'n" (Dani)

To: Tiffany Reeder
 I've only known you for a short time but it seems like forever. You are the other big sister I never had. Keep your great personality it will take you far. Congratulations and I wish you much success in your future. Much love for you
T. Ree'
From: Erica Hughes

To: Jason
 You already knew I believed in you, but now you know you can believe in yourself. I know you're tired, but you only have one day to rest. Just don't let them sleep on you! I Love You Baby!!!
From: Kesha

To all of my BOYS and my BOYS' BOYS - Byron, Conrad, Reggie, Troy, Big Bear, Ced, Darryl, Mike, Ken, AB, Ray, John - and to all of my people in the California Club. -
From: Carlos'

To: The Eta Beta Step Team
 "When you looking real good, like real Deltas should, them don't like that!" Continue to put the boot down and win #1! Black, lead them into the next millennium!
From: Survivor #1

To: Monica Myers
 The "2's" run together!
 I'm proud of you.
From: Damon

To: All the Believers everywhere
 May the Lord Bless you real good! Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies - 1 Corinthians 8:1

To: All my Delta sorors!!!
 Good luck on your finals and have a safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!
From: #43, #33, and #48

To: Damon H. Mattox
 Thanks for the leadership - we will miss you. Good Luck in all your endeavors! - See you in Atlanta!
From: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

To: BSM, Classic Dance Ensemble, The Brothers & Sisters of PXP, the Brothers of ΦΒΣ Fraternity Inc. - and the many people with whom I am acquainted.
 Thank all of you for making my collegiate years some remarkable ones! To BSM - MassConfusion!, to Classic Dance Ensemble - not to much!, To PXP - Sex Files Rules!, To ΦΒΣ - I don't mean to toot my own horn, but you boys are about to wreck! And to Marcus Robinson - Foo Boota Soo till the I die!
From: Kyran "Trauma / Double Trouble" Bowman

To: All December Graduates
 Congratulations and Best Wishes to the December Graduates!
From: Mr. & Miss Prairie View A&M University

To: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - HB chapter
 Congratulations to our graduates and I love all 67 of you and continue to do a good job in Delta!!!!
From: Soror Ta'Nitra Trimble "Tre"

To: Temeka Brandyberg & Stephanie Williams
 Thanks for being fun and trustworthy roommates! I Love You both and good luck in the future!
Love Charnellia

To: All my graduating Sorors (ΔΣΘ)
 Your time has come to depart Eta Beta, but I know your work for Delta will live on!! Congratulations on completing one of your major goals. Stay focus. Love you!!
From: #33 Tasha Robinson

To: C.B. of 290
 It's time for you to make a decision between me and your girl! We've been sneaking around TOO long!
From: You know who!

To: Faculty and Staff
 Thanks for helping me get through the 1st semester of my freshman year successfully.
From: Charnellia Malone (Nelli)

To: Trevi
 God Bless You - I'll see you in Philly.
From: Joyce